



Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 5-353rd Field Artillery Battalion Battery First Sergeant



1SG Kelvin L. Dukes was born in Titusville, Florida on the 18th of June 1974. He entered the U.S. Army on the 11th of May 1993 from his hometown of Mims, Florida. He conducted One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he graduated as a 13 Bravo Field Artillery Cannon Crew Member.

1SG Dukes started his military career with an overseas assignment to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he served in Alpha Battery 1st BN, 8th Field Artillery (FA). He continued with his career serving in HWB 1st Squadron 3d ACR at Fort Carson, Colorado; Bravo Battery 2nd BN, 3rd FA in Giessen, Germany; Charlie Battery 3rd BN, 16th FA, Alpha Battery 4th BN, 42nd FA, and HWB 1st Squadron 3d ACR at Fort Hood, Texas. While stationed at Fort Hood 1SG Dukes also completed four tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. 1SG Dukes has held the positions of Cannon Crew Member, Chief of Section, Gunnery Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Master Gunner, and Battalion Operations Sergeant.

1SG Dukes' military and civilian education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (Commandant's List); and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (Commandant's List), Combat Life Savers Course; Unit Prevention Leader Course; Anti-Terrorism Officer (Basic) Course; Unit Movement Officer Course; Airlift Planners Course; and Field Artillery Master Gunners Course. He is currently working on his Bachelors in Cyber Security through University of Maryland University College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Commendation Medal (7th Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award); National Defense Service Medal (w/bronze star); Kosovo Campaign Medal (w/bronze star); Iraqi Campaign Medal (w/ 4th bronze star); Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War On Terrorism Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 6); NATO Kosovo Medal; Valorous Unit Award; and Meritorious Unit Citation.